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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: BOLIVIA'S OUTLET TO THE SEA

1. PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR TO BOLIVIA JORGE GUILLERMO LLOSA PANTRAT CALLED ON ME AT HIS REQUEST ON FEBRUARY 3 TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN CHILE AND PERU ABOUT BOLIVIA'S QUEST FOR AN ACCESS TO THE SEA. LLOSA SAID THAT THE PURPOSE OF HIS CALL WAS TO CLARIFY FOR ME AND FOR OTHERS IN THE U.S. MISSION THE BASIS UPON WHICH PERU HAD RESPONDED TO CHILE ASKING FOR BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SUBJECT. HE CITED ARTICLE I OF THE PROTOCOL TO THE 1929 TREATY WHICH STATES THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF CHILE AND PERU CANNOT, WITHOUT A PRIOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THEM, CEDE TO A THIRD POWER ALL OR PART OF THE TERRITORIES GOVERNED BY THE TREATY. HE STRESSED THE CONDITION "WITHOUT PREVIOUS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THEM." ACCORDING TO HIM THE PERUVIAN POSITION IS THAT THE CHILEAN OFFER TO BOLIVIA TO CREATE A CORRIDOR NORTH OF ARICA DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A PRIOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHILE AND PERU. THUS THE CHILEAN PROPOSAL IS A MATTER FOR NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE TWO AND ONCE CHILE AND PERU REACH AN AGREEMENT THEN THAT WILL BE THE BASIS FOR DISCUSSION WITH BOLIVIA.

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2. AMBASSADOR LLOSA STATED THAT IT IS NOT THE INTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU TO DELAY PROGRESS FOR AN OUTLET FOR BOLIVIA BUT RATHER TO PUT THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FIRMEST POSSIBLE BASIS.

3. THE PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR THEN INQUIRED ABOUT THE VISIT TO LA PAZ OF ROBERT PACE AND RUDY FIMBRES OF ARA/BC. I EXPLAINED THE MOTIVATION FOR THE TRIP AS BEING GENERAL ORIENTATION AND UPDATING OF PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF BOLIVIA. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE ASSUMED THIS BUT THAT THERE IS A RUMOR CIRCULATING IN LA PAZ THAT THE TWO STATE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES HAD COME TO LA PAZ TO INFORM THE BOLIVIAN AUTHORITIES THAT THE USG IS PREPARED TO ASSIST IN THE FINANCING OF A BOLIVIAN PORT ON THE PACIFIC COAST AND TO BRING AN ACCORD AMONG THE THREE COUNTRIES PROVIDING FOR THIS OUTLET.
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